

NEW MARKET NEWS

November/December 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

P&Z MEETINGS — NOVEMBER 6 & DECEMBER 4 @ 7:00 P.M.

HDC/ARC MEETINGS — NOVEMBER ?? & DECEMBER 9 @ 7:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS — NOVEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 10 @ 7:00 P.M.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION — TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS)

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MARKET — DECEMBER 5-7

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED — NOVEMBER 4, 11, 27, 28; DECEMBER 25, JANUARY 1

Vote Nov. 4



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Happy Fall. Since our last newsletter our FY'08 audit has come in. Given our nation's current economic condition, I thought this an appropriate time to discuss our Town's economic status. I'll try to keep this simple. For those of you who desire greater detail, you may request a copy of the audit from the Town Office. If you have any questions, please email me.

We budgeted revenue for FY '08 at \$366K. However, we actually received \$473K. This was largely attributable to \$80K from the Adventure Park annexation lawsuit settlement. We collected taxes from the original date of the annexation in December 2006 to February 2008. As part of the settlement, taxes from February 2008 to February 2009 will go to Intercoastal Development Corp. We also received a state grant of \$30K for our parks that was budgeted in our capital budget but for fund purposes reported in our operating budget. If you deduct these revenues from our actual revenues we get \$363K. This is very close to our original budget.

On the expenditure side of the budget, we originally budgeted for total expenditures of \$306K. After deducting capital expenditures of \$377K for the Royal Oaks/Wicomico Dr. waterline projects and park pavilion project, our total operating expenses were only \$266K. Thus, our total actual operating revenue in excess of expenditures was \$97K. Our original budgeted amount was \$61K. I want to thank the Town Council as well as our Town Clerks who work very hard on the entire budget process and taking responsibility for their budgeted expense appropriations. Because we are so small, we watch every penny very closely.

As a follow up to the fiscal year that just ended on June 30th, the Town sent a check for \$1.2 million dollars to Frederick County for the Main St. waterline project. This leaves us with approximately \$281,000.00 in the bank. Town monies by policy are limited to time deposits. We can not invest in risky assets such as marketable securities. Further, by policy our deposits are collateralized 102%.

Our concern for FY '09 is how much our income tax and other state shared revenues may

fall as a result of general economic conditions. We recently adopted a new trash ordinance designed to help save money on waste collection. We also received a \$500K loan commitment from Susquehanna Bank. This would only be used in the event it is needed.

A bigger concern, in my opinion, may be the health of our downtown businesses. Many of our new businesses have purchased at the top of the market. I am concerned that if their sales volume drops as a result of the economy coupled with decreased real-estate values affecting their ability to get credit for working capital (i.e. inventory, etc....) they may become financially stressed. **I want to emphasize that I have no intimate knowledge of any one shop situation.** However, it stands to reason with recent economic events that they, like many of us, are at risk. Unfortunately, Spoil Me Rotten has already decided to close. Fortunately, Dublin Roasters will be opening up in town. I am urging all of us to keep our business local and our town strong. Please whenever and where ever possible patronize our local businesses this Holiday Season. The Town has declared October 15th through January 15th a Holiday Marketing Season. This will permit extra retail sales opportunities for the Holidays. See the shop directory on the Town website for information on your favorite shops.

Lastly, we are reviewing the latest streetscape MOU. SHA has recently changed its lighting policy. They will now pick up the cost in furnishing and installing the wiring, luminaires, foundations and other items. This could save the Town as much as \$60K. The catch is that we must choose a light that meets SHA and ANSI standards. Our current colonial lamp does not meet those standards. There are three alternatives you can view on our website. Kindly email the Town your thoughts and/or choices. Do we pick an alternative light? Or, do defer this element of streetscape until some indefinite time in the future when we have saved the money to do it ourselves?

Thanks, Winslow

My Friend Kat

I wanted to tell you two stories about my friend Kathleen Snowden, who passed away last week. I first met Kathleen when I was three years old. I was at my grandmother's house where Finches Antiques used to be. I had just plucked her last nerve and she was giving me the business. Suddenly, there was a knock at the door. Like an angel from heaven stood Kathleen Snowden. The first thing she said was "Jean, you can't do that to that boy." I asked Kat not to leave because this time I think my grandmother really meant business. As Kat always reminded me with a laugh, I owed being here today to her, because she most assuredly kept my grandmom from killing me that day long ago. I knew then I had a friend for life.

Kathleen had a way of "keeping it real" with you. I was a frequent recipient of her infamous butt chewing's. On the eve of my daughter's birth, I got perhaps the most humbling of them all. Apparently, I wasn't acting right that night either. My daughter's mom didn't think I was being cooperative enough. So while I was taking my time in the shower preparing to go the hospital at 3 am, the bathroom door burst open with a thunderous report. It was Kathleen! She said, as only Kathleen could say, "Boy, that baby's coming and you need to get your butt moving." Nothing in my life ever felt so "real" than to be standing there buck naked front of God and Kathleen Snowden.

That should give you an idea just how far Kathleen transcended this town. She was like family to everybody. She had a way of making everyone feel they were her special friend. She was the first to help those in help. She was the first to give you an attitude adjustment too. Kathleen also took on the dirty jobs that had to be done. She always would tell me she knew her capabilities and was comfortable with who and what she was so doing dirty jobs was not degrading to her. I'll never forget that lesson. We spent many a Saturday evening fishing at Franklin Smith's pond solving the world's problems. We didn't always agree on them, but we could discuss anything and be completely honest with each other.

Kathleen will always be with me. As I have gotten older and hopefully more mature, I am amazed how many times some nugget of wisdom from her comes out at my children or others. As long as those of us who knew her impart her wisdom and kindness (and yes sometimes even a butt chewing) towards others, she will always be with us. I thank Kathleen for being my friend. I will love her always. I know I will see her again one day when she comes knocking on the door.

Winslow

TOWN COUNCIL

- Motion passed requesting the Post Office order the cluster boxes for the Historic District. The Post Office will be supplying the cluster boxes (Town will just have to pour the concrete pad) and maintaining the boxes. The location of the boxes was not yet determined.
- Public hearing on the Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) with Royal Oaks was held. The Council approved the agreement with the condition that the easement agreement meets the approval of LUYAA's attorney. The LUYAA lease agreement for the ball fields was also approved.
- Ordinance 08-03 — Trash/Recycling passed unanimously.
- The date/hours for Trick-or-Treat were set as October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The annexation of Bruce Schuettinger's property was discussed.
- An 8-9 ft Christmas tree was approved for the Community Park. The tree will be planted in time for this year's Christmas in New Market. The new location will allow greater participation in the annual tree lighting ceremony.
- A public hearing was set for Ordinance 08-04 — Zoning Ordinance/Dental Clinic on November 12, 2008.
- A motion was made to establish a Holiday Market Season from October 15, 2008 to January 15, 2009.
- The council approved a donation of \$500.00 to the New Market Elementary School Track Fund. NMES is hoping to build a track behind the school.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Approved the Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement with Royal Oaks.
- A public hearing was held September 4 to discuss an amendment to the New Market Comprehensive Plan to include the Kline and Smith properties in the New Market growth area.

HDC/ARC

- A motion was approved for the vinyl fence choice presented by Steve Seawright, The Orchard, in the Rustic Fence brochure with the exception of the "straight contemporary style".
- An addition and deck for 11 Royal Oak Drive were approved.
- Discussion was held on the archeological project that is to be done during streetscape at 17 E. Main and 32 W. Main. The properties were both former taverns. As the construction goes on they will stop construction anytime that they see something that is archeologically significant. The board will review the specifications from the SHA before they give their approval of the procedures.

Check Out Our Beautiful New Bulletin Board



Thank you to Mr. Bob Esterly and Mr. Dick Smith for their labor on our new, larger bulletin board in front of Town Hall. Bob built & installed the case and Dick created the traditional wrought iron hinges and clasps. We have already started filling it with local tourist information as well as a few items that are of interest to residents. If you have anything that you would like to include, please send/drop off to us at the Town Hall. Thanks again to Bob & Dick for all of their hard work!!

New Trash Receptacles on Main Street

You may have noticed our new trash receptacles along Main Street. These were made possible from a Project Open Space Grant that Councilwoman Rita Mueller secured for the town. We had been unable to find replacement liners for the old barrels and many of the liners had rusted through on the bottom so that they could no longer be emptied. Thank you to the residents/shop owners that helped to clean-out the old barrels that were overflowing until the new cans could be delivered.

Councilwoman Mueller is currently working on two other Project Open Space projects. One is the new parking area that will be down by the Community Park. A request for bids was in the paper this past weekend. Bids will be accepted until November 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 39 W. Main Street.



Absentee Voting Instructions

Who: Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot.

How: Pick up an Absentee Ballot Application at the Town Hall or go to the website www.elections.state.md.us/voting/2008_absentee_info. Submit a request by mail — must be received by 4:30 p.m. on October 28, 2008 or by fax — must be received by 11:59 p.m. on October 28, 2008. After the deadline a Late Application for Absentee Ballot must be completed in person at the board of elections.

After you receive your absentee ballot and read the instructions, vote the ballot and return it to your local board of elections. To be counted the voted ballot must be:

Received by the local board of elections by 8:00 p.m. on election day; or

Mailed on or before election day, bearing a postmark verifying that fact, and received from the postal service or private mail carrier by 10:00 a.m. on November 14, 2008.

NOTE: Do not take your voted absentee ballot to the polls on election day. A voted absentee ballot turned at the polls will not be counted. On election day you must deliver your voted absentee ballot to your local board of elections. Voters with specific questions should contact their local or State board of elections.

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MARKET 2008

A New Christmas Tree For the Town

There will be a new Christmas tree for New Market!! The 8-9 foot tree will be planted in the next few weeks in the Community Park at the East end of town. The Town Council approved the purchase (discounted by Sun Nurseries), and town resident Brian Candida will do the planting. Thank you to both Brian and Sun Nurseries for their assistance.

The Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on Friday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the community park on East Main Street. Mayor Burhans will open the ceremony with a holiday message and local students will help spread cheer with carols of the season as our new tree is illuminated. All are welcome to continue the festivities at the Grange Hall (approximately 6:00 p.m.) where refreshments will be served. The Simpson Church is the end destination for the evening where the Versatiles will sing both Gospel and holiday favorites. The Versatiles program begins at 7:00 p.m. This evening has become a wonderful tradition for our town and we look forward to the new location. Please join us for the kick-off to Christmas in New Market 2008.



Call for Volunteers:

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas in New Market Festival for Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th. Please call Tammy Martinez at 301-865-6108 if you would like to help.

Cookies for a Cause!

The first annual Beverly Carter Cookie Exchange and Silent Auction will be held at the Grange Hall in New Market on 7th Alley, Saturday, December 6th at 6:30pm. Cookie donations will be accepted for the event at 5:00pm December 6th. Proceeds from the sale of cookies and Silent Auction purchases will be donated to Hope Alive, Inc. Please call Terri Rowe at 301-798-0899 for information or to help with the event.

Canned Food Drive

Bring Canned Goods to Town Hall during Christmas in New Market, December 6th and 7th, to help feed the hungry in our community this holiday season.

Christmas in New Market Seeking Sponsorships

The Christmas in New Market Committee is seeking sponsorships for the 2008 celebration. Each sponsor will receive their family or business name on the event brochure and honorable mention in a local newspaper advertising the event. Sponsorship levels start as low as \$25.00. Call Ben Madrid @ 301.865.1196 for more information.



CALL FOR ENTRIES ENTER YOUR VOCAL GROUP

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MARKET 2008

**“SOUNDS of the SEASON”
Judging and “Stroll”**

Space is Limited. First Come First Served.

Get Application ASAP from:

Steve Jeweler 301.865.8860 ory@oryflorals.com

Kristen Travers 301.865.2350 kristen@newmarketgeneral.com

Christmas in New Market

December 5th, 6th, & 7th 2008

Friday, December 5th

- 5:30pm Tree Lighting Ceremony — *New Market Community Park*
Luminary Display through Town
6:00pm Reception — *Grange Hall (7th Alley)*
7:00pm Versatiles Gospel Concert — *Simpson Church*



Saturday, December 6th

- 10:00am Craft Show and Food — *New Market Fire Department*
11:00am Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
“Sounds of the Season” Vocal Competition — *New Market Elementary*
Food & Children’s Crafts — *Grange Hall (7th Alley)*
Christmas Caroling through Town
19th Century Cooking Demonstration — *E. Rossig’s Cabin (Strawberry Alley)*
Refreshments & Information, Art Contest Display — *Town Hall (39 W. Main)*
Canned Food Donations — *Town Hall (39 W. Main)*
Children’s Treasure Hunt — through Town
1:00pm **Santa Arrives at Town Hall**
Mrs. Claus — Grange Hall
2:30pm Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center — Dance Performance —
Grange Hall (7th Alley)
5:00pm Cookie Drop Off — *Grange Hall (7th Alley)*
6:30pm “Cookies for a Cause” — First Annual Beverly Carter Memorial Cookie
Exchange and Silent Auction to benefit Hope Alive — *Grange Hall (7th Alley)*

Sunday, December 7th

- 10:00am Craft Show and Food — *New Market Fire Department*
11:00am Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Food & Children’s Crafts — *Grange Hall (7th Alley)*
Christmas Caroling through Town
19th Century Cooking Demonstration — *E. Rossig’s Cabin (Strawberry Alley)*
Refreshments & Information, Art Contest Display — *Town Hall (39 W. Main)*
Canned Food Donations — *Town Hall (39 W. Main)*
Children’s Treasure Hunt — through Town
1:00pm **Santa Arrives at Town Hall**
Mrs. Claus-Grange Hall
2:00pm “Fox Hunt” performs A Bluegrass Christmas — *The General Store (26 W. Main)*
2:30pm Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center — Vocal Concert —
New Market United Methodist Church
3:00pm Children’s Art Awards — *Town Hall (39 W. Main)*



Dublin Roasters Perks Up New Market

Something big is brewing on Main Street! Dublin Roasters Coffee has just announced that they will be opening a retail roastery right here in downtown New Market.

As local artisan coffee roasters offering organic, fair trade gourmet coffee, they already have a loyal following amongst many New Market residents as well as strong customers bases in Frederick, Mt. Airy, Baltimore, the DC suburbs, Carroll County, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Dublin Roasters will be roasting their coffee on site at their New Market location, 75B W. Main Street, in the little red barn just off the road. Customers can stop in to watch how coffee is roasted, learn about the many varieties of coffee beans and where they come from, and of course, they can buy some beans to enjoy at home. Dublin Roasters will offer a variety of single estate beans, available whole or ground to order, plus Swiss Water Process decaffeinated coffee and a wide variety of flavored coffees as well. They'll also have seasonal selections, gift ideas, and signature blends created by their Master Roaster, Serina Roy.

The staff at Dublin Roasters knows how important artisan trade is to the New Market area and they are very excited to be opening a retail location here for their craft roasting. They wish to thank the terrific folks at the Downtown New Market Partnership for their help and support and they look forward to becoming an active member of the thriving downtown New Market community.



Waterline Questions

These are just a few of the questions that we have received in the last month. If your question was specific to your property, you will receive the answer in an email. Everyone within the new waterline area (Main Street between Royal Oak Drive & Marley Street) should have received a letter and an application from the county. Please contact our office if you have not received your letter (301.865.5544).

1. *When is the deadline for the submission of application for waterline reclassification?* Applications for the November 30 county deadline must be into the Town Hall by November 7th. The Town Council will review all applications at their November 12 meeting.
2. *What are the fees for connecting at this time?* The current capacity/connection fee for water is \$4,500 plus \$240/\$255 for the water meter (depending on size). Sewer connections are currently \$6,280.
3. *What is the current estimation for the entire project?* Currently the project is scheduled for 180 days and time extensions per change order.
4. *Does the homeowner have input into where the water comes into the home or are the taps to the home pre-specified? If pre-specified, what is the process for changing this? How far in advance will contractors be talking to the homeowners about their hook-up?* The homeowner may have some input to the extent the input is not contrary to the county's Design Guidelines or Rules and Regulations. They may need to know where there are already existing foundation penetrations or where well lines are located, but it may in some cases require plumbing by the property owner nonetheless. The exact layout of house connections will be determined in the field (considering other obstacles) once the resident has committed to a physical connection. The county will be sending out a letter in the near future to homeowners.
5. *I was told that they are tearing up the sidewalk if we get water run to the house and that the well will have to be filled in. If so, will they redo the sidewalk with brick like before or will they use some other paving method? Will I have the option of both well and city water?* The sidewalks will be put back as they are. If you connect to the county water system you must abandon your well connection at the house, which is according to health department and DUSWM regulations.
6. *Will a line be run inside the sidewalk so one can connect at a later date without tearing up the sidewalk?* A "pigtail" of copper waterline from the meter can be placed in close proximity to the homes foundation. However with homes that are adjacent to the sidewalk they will require some minor disturbance.



Energy Saving Lessons from Seawright Homes of *The Orchard*

Seawright Homes, builder of The Orchard at New Market, extends to any Town resident who is considering a remodeling or new construction addition project the invitation to benefit from the company's extensive and successful experience in energy-efficient new home construction. Steve Seawright states that, although The Orchard builder does not work in the arena of remodeling and home addition projects, he volunteers the company's knowledge of energy efficient construction practices on a pro bono basis out of the belief that such knowledge should be spread and shared, not kept under wraps as a competitive advantage. It is his view that the importance of leaving a smaller footprint upon the land in terms of resource consumption, especially energy, and reducing our dependence on foreign oil, make the sharing of knowledge and experience that will help achieve those goals an imperative of responsible citizenship. While the number of building and design professionals who engage in green building/energy efficient construction practices is growing, Mr. Seawright observes that such standards are not yet the norm. This makes it incumbent on owners who are planning a home remodeling or addition project to have a basic understanding of what is possible and what is economically practical in terms of cost/benefits and economic pay-back. For those residents who would like to observe first-hand what energy-efficient building practices look like when a home is under construction, call Project Manager David Denny at 301-831-9019 to arrange individual, after-hours tours of construction when an applicable stage of work is in process or nearing completion.

For all Town residents who are not remodeling or adding-on, but who use incandescent lighting or will be replacing a clothes washer, Seawright Homes strongly encourages all to purchase Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFL's), which recoup their cost in first year energy savings. Additionally, when the time comes to replace a top-loaded clothes washer and if available space permits, an Energy Star, front-loading clothes washer should be acquired. The savings in water usage is impressive, reducing quarterly water and sewer charges, and energy savings are achieved through a considerably shortened spin cycle.

Trick or Treat Time Set by Town Council

Date: October 31

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to participate in this year's Trick or Treat, please leave your front porch light on!



Halloween Party at the New Market Methodist Church

When: November 1st @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: New Market Methodist Church Schoolhouse

What: Bobbing for apples
Movie
Popcorn
Headless Horseman

Families and children of all ages are welcome!!!

Trim those bushes!!

Please make sure that your bushes and trees are trimmed along any of the alleys. With the increased traffic on the alleys during the waterline construction, visibility is extra important. Keeping your landscaping trimmed and out of the right-of-way will ensure the safety of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Councilman Rossman is interested in setting up a Town fall clean-up day. Anyone interested should email him at: shanerossman@gmail.com. He is planning on one weekend in November so that the leaves, etc. can be picked up by the last Yard Waste Day (November 26).



Call for Young Artists in New Market

Reindeer Drawing Contest

K-8th Grade

- Draw your coolest Reindeer on an 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper.
- Be creative with markers, crayons, even mixed media or collage!
- Entries must have your name and grade on the front.
- Please put your address and phone number on the back.
- Deadline: December 4th, 2008
- Artwork will be on display throughout the Christmas in New Market celebration this year, December 6th & 7th. Awards will be given out Sunday, December 7th at 3:00pm at Town Hall.
- Drop off your drawings at The Little Pottery Shop, 80 West Main Street, or mail to PO Box 693, New Market, MD 21774.
- Questions?? Call: 301-865-6108



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